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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: BAUXITE SITREP 41

1. PM MANLEY SUMMONED CHARGE AT 4:00 PM TODAY. IN A FORTY MINUTE INTERVIEW HE REVIEWED THE PROGRESS OF THE BAUXITE NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE AND THE POSITION OF HIS GOVT. HE THEN HANDED CHARGE A LETTER REPLYING TO THE SECRETARY'S MESSAGE OF MAY 7 AS CONVEYED TO AMB DOUGLAS FLETCHER BY ASST SECTY KUBISH. TEXT OF THIS LETTER INCLUDED BELOW. SUBSTANCE OF CHARGE'S INTERVIEW WITH PM CONVERED BY SEPTTEL.

BEGIN TEXT

"DEAR MR. HEWITT,

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU WOULD TRANSMIT THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN RESPONSE TO HIS MESSAGE OF THE 7TH MAY, 1974 DELIVERED BY MR. KUBISCH:

THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT WELCOMES THE ASSURANCES CONVEYED IN THE COMMUNICATION OF THE 7TH MAY THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT APPRECIATES HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO JAMAICA THAT NEW RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE ALUMINUM COMPANIES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AND THAT THESE RELATIONSHIPS SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON A SATISFACTORY BASIS.

IN VIEW OF THE COMMUNICATION, THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT IS WILLING TO SCHEDULE FURTHER TALKS BEGINNING ON FRIDAY, THE 10TH OR SATURDAY, THE 11TH MAY. THIS WOULD BE ON THE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING, HOWEVER, THAT SUCH TALKS CANNOT CONTINUE BEYOND THE 14TH MAY HAVING REGARD TO THE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED DEADLINE DEADLINE OF MAY 16.

THE GOVERNMENT WOULD EXPECT FURTHER THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES
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OF THE COMPANIES SHOULD COME TO THE TALKS ARMED WITH PROPOSALS

WHICH HAVE A REASONABLE PROSPECT OF BEING REGARDED AS ACCEPTABLE
BY THE GOVERNMENT TEAM.

THE JAMAICAN GOVERNMENT HAS NO DESIRE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER
SHOULD BECOME PERSONALLY INVOLVED BUT WELCOMES
THE OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP HIM CONTINUOUSLY INFORMED ABOUT THE TALKS.
GOVERNMENT HAS ALWAYS DESIRED A SETTLEMENT BY NEGOTIATION AND
WOULD REGRET THE NECESSITY TO IMPOSE A UNILATERAL SOLUTION ON THE
ALUMINUM COMPANIES.

GOVERNMENT HOPES THAT THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND PARTNER-
SHIP WHICH CHARACTERISES RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES AND THE SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF JAMAICA'S
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPERATIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN EXHIBITED
SINCE THESE CONSULTATIONS BEGAN WILL REMAIN UNAFFECTED BY ANY
ACTION WHICH JAMAICA MIGHT FIND ITSELF FINALLY OBLIGED TO TAKE.

YOURS SINCERELY,
S//MICHAEL MANLEY
END TEXT.
HEWITT

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED OPIC.

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